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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA SUBJECT 25X1 Additional Weapon for 25X1 REFERENCE Α. dated 4 January 1967 B. dated 5 January 1967 C. dated 9 January 1967 D. dated 9 January 1967 E. dated 10 January 1967 Memo for C/MD/OSA from INTEL/O/OSA F. (OSA-0105/67) dated 10 January 1967 25X1 G. Memo for Life Support Section. from ASD/R&D/OSA (IDEA-0332/67) dated 27 April 1967 H. Memo for D/O/OSA from ASD/R&D/OSA (IDEA-0405/67 dated 31 May 1967 I. Memo for D/O/OSA from ASD/R&D/OSA (IDEA-0533/67) dated 29 August 1967 25X1 1. On 4 January 1967 Detachment Commander, requested a small callber pistol be provided for self defense use by A .32 caliber revolver 25X1 was specifically suggested (Ref. A).

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2. Following an exchange of cables (Refs. B and C) to define the specific requirements, Intelligence Division contacted the ordinance engineers in the Technical Support Division, DDP and obtained their recommendations as to a suitable weapon. The specific requirement was for a small compact handgun suitable for use in self defense 25X1 without extensive weapons 25X1 training. It was additionally stipulated that the weapon must be lightweight, easy to operate, reliable, and rugged. 3. On 9 January TSD's recommendation, the German Walther PP 7.65 mm (.32 caliber) automatic was submitted 25X1 (Ref. D) and accepted the following day (Ref. E). 4. A requisition for these weapons was submitted to Materiel Division on 10 January (Ref F). Intelligence Division completed its portion of the requirement in six days. On 30 January Materiel Division received the weapons. Shortly thereafter, one pistol was delivered to 25X1 ASD/R&D/OSA, for holster design and selection of the best location and means of securing same on harness or outer garment. Three months later (27 April 1967) Section, , headed by to fabricate suitable holsters requested the Life Support Section, 25X1 25X1 and "select locations where a holster could be attached allowing immediate access without affecting comfort, mobility, pressure suit or parachute functions and without interfering with cockpit controls" (Ref. G). One pistol 25X1 for use in completing these tasks. was shipped to

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| 7. Ref. H, memo from | | to the Deputy |
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| for Operations dated 31 Mag | y, claimed | detachment |
| really desired a .25 calib | er Colt automa | tic pistol. |
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| According to the memo | Life Suppor | t recommended |
| the adoption of this weapon | n vice the Wal | ther 7.65 and |
| that it be attached to the | | |
| "the weapon selected is to | o large to be | safely and |
| comfortably located on the | pilot's boot, | coverall or |
| pressure suit." | concurred | • |
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| 3. Three months late | r, on 29 Augus | t 1967, the |
| final report from | Life Support | (Ref. I) was |
| submitted along with | con | currence recom- |
| mending a weapon the size | or a .25 calib | er Colt or |
| Browning automatic be util | ized and that | it be attached |
| to the flying boot. The W | alther 7.65 mm | automatic was |
| dismissed as too large and | heavy for pla | cement on the |
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- 9. TSD regards the Colt and Browning .25 caliber automatics as unsuitable weapons. The ammunition lacks both penetrating and shock ability. The weapons, designed to be carried in a lady's handbag, are inaccurate, tend to misfire, and are easily damaged.
- 10. It is recommended that the methods used by combat pilots in Southeast Asia to carry their bulky service .38 caliber revolvers and a variety of personal weapons be determined and adopted for use by in carrying the Walther 7.65, a much smaller weapon, or that the pistols which we have had on hand for six months

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| MEMORANDUM FOR | : Dep | ity for Operations, OSA | | |
| SUBJECT: | Add | itional Survival Weapon | for | 25X1 |
| reference : | Α. | Memo for D/O/OSA, IDEA 31 May 67 | -0405-67, dtd | |
| | В. | Memo for Life Support in IDRA-0332-67, dtd 27 | | 25X |
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